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Applicant: ) Title: Improved Toxicity Screening Method  
James McKim *et al.* )  
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Serial No.: 09/586,242 ) Examiner: to be assigned  
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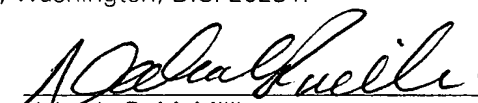
Sir:

Submitted herewith is an executed Declaration for filing in the above-identified application, in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on August 23, 2000, along with a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$390.00 for the petition for extension of time.

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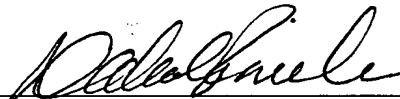
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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